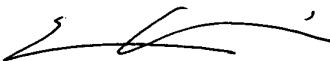


**REMARKS**

In the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 27, 2000, the claims were erroneously numbered incorrectly. Specifically, the application was filed with claims 1-108. In the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 27, 2000 claims 1-108 were canceled and new claims 1-24 (incorrectly numbered) were added. To correct the record, claims 1-24 have been canceled and new claims 109-132 are being added which are identical to claims 1-24 with the exception of claims 113 (originally claim 5) and 129 (originally claim 21). Claims 113 (originally claim 5) and 129 (originally claim 21) omitted the word "device," in the preamble, which is added herewith. By this preliminary amendment said errors have been corrected.

Examination on the merits is requested.

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